

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 2

Calendar

Monday 6th January

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 7th January

Wednesday 8th January

Thursday 9th January

Friday 10th January

BTEC Pre-public Examinations

Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

13 January 2025 The Baptism of the Lord Year C

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened'

This week's Gospel heralds the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It marks the transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church - an event that takes place once every 25 years.

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope", an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the world at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty, climate change, and the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic.

The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of our faith in our own hearts and to share the light of that faith with those in darkness.

What is Jubilee?

In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves, the return of misappropriated land, the forgiveness of debts and a fallow period for the fields. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence - a special grace that strengthens our wounded souls in the fight against sin.

Denise
Chaplaincy



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I hope each of you had a peaceful and joyful Christmas, filled with love, rest, and reflection.

The Christmas season is completed with the Feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrated on January 6th. This beautiful feast reminds us of the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ child, guided by a star, and the gifts they brought to honour Him. The Epiphany teaches us about seeking truth, offering our gifts for the service of others, and recognizing God's light in the world.

The themes of the Epiphany beautifully align with our school's ASPIRE values:

- **Achievement:** The Wise Men's journey reminds us of the importance of setting goals and working hard to reach them. As we enter this term, let us strive for excellence in our studies, work, and personal growth.
- **Service:** The Wise Men brought their finest gifts to Christ. In the same way, we are called to serve others selflessly, using our talents and resources to make a difference in our school and beyond.
- **Participation:** Their journey was one of active engagement, not passive waiting. Let us be active participants in our community, fully engaging in the opportunities and activities available to us.
- **Integrity:** The Wise Men followed their hearts and stayed true to their mission. May we be guided by honesty and faithfulness in all our decisions and actions.
- **Respect:** The Wise Men showed reverence and respect to the Christ child. Let us treat each other with kindness and dignity, recognizing the presence of God in every person.
- **Equity:** The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came for all people, regardless of their background or status. May we strive for fairness and inclusivity, ensuring everyone in our community feels valued and supported.

As we embark on this new term, we take inspiration from the Wise Men's journey of faith, perseverance, and purpose. Let us all seek to achieve great things, serve others, and grow in faith and love.

May God bless you all as we begin this new term.

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LAMDA - After School Club at Holy Family!

Boost your child's confidence, creativity, and communication skills with our exciting LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) after-school club, hosted by West End In! This programme will begin in January and will run every **Wednesday at 3:30pm** is perfect for young performers and helps students work towards **extra qualifications**, including LAMDA exams that can earn valuable **UCAS points** for university applications - no experience is needed!

The link to additional information is below:

file:///M:/Downloads/LAMDA%20Club%20at%20Holy%20Family%20School%20Spring%20Term%202025.docx.pdf

Hour sessions will cost **£9 each. (£45 per half term)**. There is no requirement to pay anything now, simply click the link below to register your interest. If you are interested in the classes but are worried about finances, please contact ms.hampshire@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk who will be able to advise about applying for supported payment options.

Classes will start in January.

To sign up your child for LAMDA lessons please visit the website below

<https://teachmajor.classforkids.io/venue/19/holy-family-catholic-school>

The screenshot shows the TeachMajor website interface. At the top, there is a purple header with the TeachMajor logo and tagline 'Create. Develop. Inspire.'. A search bar is present with the text 'I am looking for...'. To the right, a phone number '020 8243 8791' is displayed with a note 'Call from 8am to 5pm (Mon-Fri)'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, Services, Holiday Camps, Book Now, Meet the team, Careers, Contact, Policies & Procedures, and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. The main content area features a large image of children in red robes holding papers, with a semi-transparent overlay containing the class listing.

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West End In - LAMDA - Spring Term

Wed 8th January 2025 - Wed 12th February 2025

| Day & Time | Venue | Class | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Wed 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Holy Family Catholic School | Lamda After School Club (11yrs - 17yrs) | Join Waiting List |